



CHURCH OF ST. CHARLES



644 CLAWSON STREET, OAKWOOD HEIGHTS, STATEN ISLAND, NY 10306



MARCH 5, 2017 FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

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Parochial Vicar

Fr. Marius Fernando (visiting priest)

Fr. Stefan Chanas

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Bishop John J. O'Hara

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Parish Office Hours

Sunday 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Monday - Friday 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Saturday 10:30 AM - 6:30 PM

Sacramental Life

Mass Schedule

Weekend Masses

Saturday Evening 4:00 & 5:30 PM

Sunday 8:15, 9:30 & 10:45 AM
12:00, 1:15

Weekday Masses

Monday - Friday 8:30 & 11:30 AM

Saturday 8:30 AM

Holy Days Masses

Eve of the Holy Day 7:30 PM

6:45, 8:30, 11:30 AM and 7:30 PM

Parish Registration

New parishioners need to register at the rectory. Please inform us if you move into or out of the parish.

Confessions

Saturday: 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM, after evening Masses, and after Mass on the Eve of a Holy Day.

Baptisms

Second Sunday of the month at 2:30 PM Instruction for parents of the children to be baptized to be arranged at the rectory. SPONSOR CERTIFICATES REQUIRED for Godparents and also a copy of the child's birth certificate.

Marriages

To arrange a marriage at St. Charles, consult with a priest or deacon at least six months prior to the proposed date and before social arrangements. Attendance at Pre-Cana and Natural Family Planning Classes is required.

Anointing and

Communion of the Sick

Regular administration of the Sacraments should be arranged for shut-ins by calling the rectory. Emergency sick calls anytime.

Religious Education Program

Instruction for all grade levels beginning with first grade. For information call the Religious Education Office.

LITURGY CORNER

MONDAY - MARCH 6

8:30 - Thomas W. Burke - Mem.
11:30 - Deacon Ross Calamano - Mem.

TUESDAY - MARCH 7

8:30 - Christina & Luigi DeFalco - Mem.
11:30 - Concetta DeFrancesco - Mem.

WEDNESDAY - MARCH 8

8:30 - Joseph & Josephine Carlozzi - Mem.
11:30 - John Luzzi - Mem.

THURSDAY - MARCH 9

8:30 - Josef & Elizabeth Hohm - Mem.
11:30 - Albert Amendola - Mem.

FRIDAY - MARCH 10

8:30 - Michael William Lalli - Mem.
11:30 - Jeanne Marie Martin - Mem.

SATURDAY - MARCH 11

8:30 - Carole & Walter Higgins - Mem.
4:00 - Carmela Cavallo - Mem.
5:30 - The Casey, O'Shea, Leary, Sullivan, &
Black Family - Mem.

SUNDAY - MARCH 12

8:15 - Melissa Nelson - Mem.
9:30 - Parishioners of St. Charles
10:45 - Richard Harte - Mem.
12:00 - John McNulty - Ann.
1:15 - John Chip Thomas - Mem.

March 11 / March 12 Mass Schedule

4:00 Fr. Jerome	10:45 Fr. Stefan
5:30 Fr. Stefan	12:00 Msgr. Whalen
8:15 Fr. Stefan	1:15 Msgr. Whalen
9:30 Fr. Jerome	



February 19, 2017

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February 21, 2016

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Flowers, Wine & Hosts and Oils

The Wine & Hosts for the week of March 5 - March 11, 2017 are offered in loving memory of Edward W. Solan at the request of his daughter, Barbara.

The Oils & Candles for the week of March 5 - March 11, 2017 are offered in loving memory of Barbara Fonte at the request of Barbara Solan.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

*Monday - Friday at 12:00-5:00 PM in the Chapel
First Mondays at 7:30 PM in the Church
(cancelled in August)
First Fridays at 7:30 PM in the Church
(cancelled in August)
Call Jeannette Burrell (718-979-0034) or
Lois Galvin (718-948-8193) for information*

Rosary and Novenas

*The Rosary is recited each weekday at 8:10 and 11:10 AM and on Saturday at 8:10 AM.
The Miraculous Medal novena prayers are said after the 8:30 & 11:30 AM Masses on Mondays.*

PARISH MINISTRIES

Adult Faith Formation

Wednesdays at 1:30 PM except for the third Wednesday of the month; rectory



Baptism Classes

First Tuesday of the month at 8:00 PM; rectory

Bereavement Group

Thursdays - 7:30 PM; rectory

Book Club

Third Thursday each month at 4:00 PM; rectory

Caregivers Support Group

Thursday - 9:30 - 11:30 AM; rectory

Choir (Adult)

Thursday at 7:30 PM; church

Divine Mercy Devotion

Friday at 3:00 PM; chapel

Eucharistic Ministers

First Fridays at 7:30 PM; church

Leisure Group

Thursdays 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM; auditorium

Prayer Group & Holy Hour

First Monday of the month at 7:30 PM; church

Religious Education Classes

Monday 3:45 - 5:15 PM Grades 6 & 7

Wednesday 3:45 - 5:15 PM Grades 1-5

Special Needs: Wednesday 5:10 - 5:45 PM

St. Vincent de Paul Society

Meeting - Second Tuesday of month at 1:30 PM; rectory

Food Pantry open 2nd & 4th Tuesday of every month 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM; rectory

Teen Club

Sunday at 7:00 PM; auditorium

Visitation Ministry

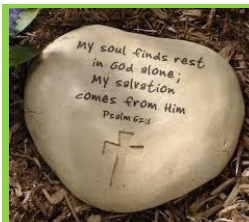
Women's Worship Wednesdays

Third Wednesday at 7:30 PM; rectory

Staten Island YMCA is proud to be honoring Bishop O'Hara at our upcoming Dine N Dance event on Friday, March 10 at Hilton Garden Inn. Please contact Heather Scapp at 718-907-6065 or hscapp@ymcany.org for more information.

Silent Auction

The St. Charles Spring Auction will take place on Friday, April 7, 2017. With the help of our parish families, we can help ensure another successful fundraiser for our children! We are asking for any donations of new, unopened items, gift cards, bottles of wine, or anything that can be used to help us reach our goal of 400 baskets. Please label it "AUCTION" and drop it off at the school. We thank you in advance for your generosity.



Bereavement Group

Beginning Thursday, March 9th the Bereavement Group will begin holding their weekly meetings. The sessions will be held from 7:30 - 9:00 PM in the rectory. Frequently, the time of grief is a time of sadness and confusion. Participation in a group is often helpful in coping with and understanding grief. If you have suffered the death of a loved one, either recently or sometime in the past, you are welcome to attend.

Building Bridges Coalition of Staten Island

Invites you to its **14th Annual Interfaith Passover Seder** which will take place in our school auditorium on March 23 at 7 PM. Reservations are required by calling the rectory or emailing www.buildingbridgessi.com. \$30/adult; \$15/child (12 years old and under).

PARISH NEWS

CALENDAR OF EVENTS March 6, - March 12, 2017

Monday - March 6

Cheerleading - 7:30 PM; school

Tuesday - March 7

Bingo at 7:30 PM; doors open at 6:00 PM;
early bird 7:15 PM
Baptism Class - 8:00 PM; rectory

Wednesday - March 8

Adult Faith Formation - 1:30 PM; rectory
Cheerleading - 6:00 PM; school

Thursday - March 9

Caregivers Meeting - 9:30 AM; rectory
Seniors - 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM; school
Cheerleading - 5:30 PM ; school
Bereavement - 7:30 PM; rectory

Friday - March 10

School Dances Grades K-6

Saturday - March 11

Sunday - March 12

Family Mass - 9:30 AM; church
RCIA - 10:00 AM; rectory
Baptism - 2:30 PM; church
Teen Club - 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM; living stations
practice; church



Swimming Registration

Online registration for the St. Charles Swim Team is now open. Practices are to begin February 27, 2017. Register at www.stcharleschargers.com/2017-swim-team. Any questions about the swim team may be directed to scsswimming@gmail.com.



Formed.org

FORGIVEN - The Transforming Power of Confession - Discover God's love and mercy in a 4 part series on Formed.org. Forgiven explores the grace and healing offered in confession and shows how this sacrament of mercy reveals the depth and bounty of God's love. By looking at God's revelation of His mercy in Scripture and making a step-by-step examination of the Rite itself, FORGIVEN communicates God's invitation to each one of us to come experience His indescribable love in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. To register use Parish Code - XQ43Q3



On behalf of the St. Charles Teen Club we would like to thank you for your outrageous support during our troop drive. In total, we have collected over 70 boxes of donations that will be going to the SSG Michael Ollis Freedom Foundation. Without your continued support, we would not be as successful as we are. Thank you!



WE PRAY...WE CELEBRATE...WE REMEMBER

THE GET WELL LIST

Corrine Alaimo	Elizabeth Linton
Keith Alaimo	Anthony Locicero Jr.
Paul Alaimo Sr	Diego Lopez
Joan Boragi	Helen Mahon
Eva Bonafilia	Lauren Marie
Mary Campitelli	Raymond Mignone
Clara Carlino	Ann Murphy
Marty Casey	Pamela Murphy
Anthony Cassaro	Gennaro Musto
Nick Castagna	Erin O'Keefe
Grace Castelao	Anthony Paragone
Ann Marie Coppola	Roberta Paragone
Carmine Coronato, Jr.	Veronica Parascondola
Philip DeFonte	Mary Parnell
Herb DeGroot	Marie Petrocelli
Frances DeMarco	Pasquale Petrucci
Randi Dietrich	Lee Rhatigan
Michael DiFalco	Rose Russo
Mary Driscoll	Vincent Russo
Marilyn Droge	Dorothy Sabatell
Russell Dunn	Vincent Santore
Michael Durante	JoAnn Schneck
Pearl Dweck	Dolores & Tony Sclafani
Joseph Elia	Anthony & Leonarda Scocco
Charles Faberzak	Jerry Scotti
Gloria Faraci	Susan Sexton
Robert Faraci	Howard Shock
Dorothy Fleming	Howard Shock, Jr.
Aniel Garcia	Maryann Sparano
Robert Gardner	Marie Starita
Marie Grzeczka	Dolores Tombolini
Emily Harris	Ann Van Houten
Cheryl Houss	Herb Van Houten
Helen Istico	Roseann Venturino
Jeannette Castelao Keane	Theresa Verry
John Kelley	Mary Woerner
Peggy Kiernan	Sara Weiss
Trevor Kwatkowski	Norm Zuniga
Amanda Lavoro	

YOUTH FEST 2017

All High School students on Staten Island are invited to attend Youth Fest 2017 on Saturday, March 11 from 10:00 AM -5:00 PM at Moore Catholic High School.

WE REMEMBER

Eternal rest grant unto their souls, O Lord.

And let perpetual light shine upon them.

May they rest in peace. Amen.

May their souls and the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen

Mary F. Cleary

Ida DeSetto

Rosalie Leone

MARRIAGE BANNS

We Celebrate



We ask the family of St. Charles to pray for the following couples who will receive the Sacrament of Marriage. *Kevin Tracy & Monica Lantry*

Parish Mission

Please mark you calendars for a Parish Mission to be held March 27 through March 29. in the Church. The mission will be conducted by Al Barbarino who is a Lay Franciscan of the St. Padre Pio Shelter, NY and a member of the Knights of Columbus, who sings for the poor and homeless of the St. Padre Pio Shelter, Croatian Relief Services, as well as for the poor of the parish wherever he sings. Al will sing and speak at all the Masses on the weekend of March 25 and 26. This will be a good opportunity to spend more time with the Lord during Lent.

Easter Duty

All Catholics are obligated to receive Holy Communion at least once a year. The time period for fulfilling this obligation begins the First Sunday of Lent (March 5th) and extends to Pentecost Sunday (June 4th).

PARISH NEWS

Stations of the Cross

Every Friday during Lent, Stations of the Cross will be conducted after the 11:30 AM Mass followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the Chapel. The Teen Club will conduct Living Stations of the Cross on Friday, April 7th and Friday, April 14th at 8 PM in the Church.

Abstinence

Abstinence from meat is observed on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and all the Fridays of Lent by all Catholics 14 years and older.

Fasting

Fasting is observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, by all Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59. Those bound by this rule may take only one full meal; two smaller meals are permitted as necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid food between meals is not permitted.

There is a serious obligation to observe these penitential practices in a substantial way. Those whose work or health would be impaired are excused from fast and abstinence. Individual conscience should decide proper cause of excuse. A more serious excuse is required to excuse oneself from Ash Wednesday and Good Friday fast and abstinence. During Lent, the Church encourages attendance at daily Mass, self-imposed time of fasting and generosity to local, national and worldwide programs of sharing.

10 Innovative Things to Consider Giving Up For Lent



1. Vending machines of any kind: snacks, soda or even lottery tickets
2. Using the word "I": would certainly force you to say and think about things from a different perspective
3. Plastic bags: Take your own re-usable bags to the store with you
4. Offering constructive criticism: Only offer compliments
5. Throwing away plastic baggies: find at least one or two other uses after the initial use to make the product last longer.
6. Pie: Don't give up all sweets and set yourself up for failure; just pick one and stay true to your commitment.
7. Name calling: Stop being judgmental by calling others "lazy", "evil", "scary" or "weird".
8. Excess shopping: During Lent only buy items that are essentials to you and your household. Buy for "need", not "want".
9. Blame: During Lent you will not blame anything on anyone- take responsibility where needed and let the rest go.
10. Internet: Outside of work requirements and paying bills, unplug yourself from the information superhighway. Your emails, jokes, recipes and games will still be there in forty days.

So what will you give up for Lent? Will you pick something easy like not walking and chewing gum at the same time or something a bit deeper such as refraining from using profanity words? Whatever you choose, remember that Christ made the ultimate sacrifice for you; therefore make your sacrifice a noble one for Him.

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



LENT - TIME FOR FIXING SPIRITUAL "POTHoles"...

There is no need for me to provide a definition of what a "Pothole" is. However, the dictionary defines it as a "pot shaped hole in the surface of a road." For those of who live on Staten Island, we don't need a written definition of a pothole because during these last few weeks of winter, we have virtual experience as our cars maneuver through the asphalt mine fields on some of our roads leading to flat tires, broken rims, bumpers and other assorted troubles.

Of course, we appreciate roads that are smooth and pot hole free. It makes travelling that much easier. The other day as I was negotiating my way on a particularly bad stretch of road on Hylan Boulevard, a thought came to mind. Could there be some "Spiritual Potholes" in our souls where the grace of God might find some tough going? No doubt, the answer is yes!

Last Wednesday, we celebrated Ash Wednesday, the start of Lent. Lent is a Forty Day Season that can get us into better spiritual shape, a time where we can "fill" some of the potholes of the soul that have developed through the year due to our sins and negligence. In order to help us do the fixing up, the Church recommends three things-prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. So let's look at each of these things for a moment.

First prayer, what is prayer? St. Teresa, the "Little Flower" described prayer in this fashion: "I say simply to God what I wish to say without composing beautiful sentences and he always understands me. For me, prayer is a simple glance directed towards heaven." Prayer is conversation with God and it can take many different forms.

During Lent, a very popular prayer for many people is the Stations of the Cross. We think about the sufferings of the Lord as He bore His cross to Calvary. Whatever prayer that we like, it is important that we carve out some time each day of Lent to pray and talk with our loving God.

Secondly, there is fasting. Fasting means not that we go without food entirely, but rather that we go without certain things that we like in order to make a sacrifice. When we give up the dessert, the drink, the candy, we are in reality strengthening our wills and our souls on the inside.

Finally, there is almsgiving. To most people this means giving money to charity. Sure that's part of almsgiving, but that's not only thing. Giving does not only have to be financial. Sometimes just writing a check can be quite an easy thing to do. But giving of ourselves is a little different. Lent could be a time where we reach out to others by our care, our compassion, and concern.

Yes, Lent is now upon us. The word "Lent" actually means "Springtime." Spring is a season where we might do some house-cleaning. Hopefully, it will be a time when our roads here on Staten Island are cleaned up and all the bumps and potholes are removed! But let us not waste the next forty days. Let us give some thought to the condition of our souls. If we see potholes of sin and selfishness in them, let us ask the Lord to fill them with his grace so that our road to heaven and eternal life will be a clear one!

*Sincerely in Christ,
Father Jerome*

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